GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS TO SC/ST
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether a large number of Letter of Intent (LOI) for allotment of retail outlets (Petrol Pumps) to the persons belonging to the SC/ST category are pending for the several years;

(b): if so, the reasons therefore and the period of pendency;

(c): the steps taken to expedite the allotment of retail outlets under the SC/ST category;

(d): in the event of failure of an Oil Company to allot the land to these applicants to run Petrol Pumps, whether the extant policy to allow the allotment of land to them by another Oil Company within that State;

(e): if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the SC person can transfer Letter of Intent to somebody else for operating the petrol pump; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): Public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs.), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) have issued 1112 Letter of Intent (LOI) for Retail Outlet (RO) dealerships to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) category, which are yet to be commissioned.

As per the extant policy, selected candidates for Retail Outlet dealerships belonging to SC/ST categories are eligible for Corpus Fund facility. Under this scheme, OMC have to procure suitable sites following the laid down procedures and make available the ready ROs with all basic facilities at its own cost.

However, the commissioning of the ROs, gets delayed, at times, as either no Government land is available for these dealerships or no appropriate offers of land are received against public advertisement for land by the Corporation.

In order to mitigate the problem of pending LOIs holders, this Ministry vide its letter dated 6.9.2006, have advised OMCs that temporary Company Owned Company Operated (COCOs) should be offered and handed over to the pending LOI holders under SC/ST category.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

(f) & (g): No, Sir.